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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- [ ] Together with the present application.
- [ ] Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]
- [X] After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first. [37 CFR § 1.97(c)]
- [ ] After a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, but prior to or with payment of the Issue Fee. [37 CFR § 1.97(d)]

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Express Mail Label: EQ519995719 Attorney Docket No.: DN 02-033 Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met: No separate requirements are needed. No additional fee is required. [X] Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) The fee of \$180.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97(c) as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement. Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) The fee of \$180.00 for submission of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97(d) set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement. Certification Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) () Each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement; or () No item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. **Provision of Copies of References** [X] Copies of cited references which are U.S. Patents or U.S. Patent Application Publications are not required for this application, which has a filing date after June 30, 2003 (1276 OG 55, 5 August 2003). A copy of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

Partial Translations of References are enclosed herewith and form a part

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[ ] A copy of the European Search Report from a corresponding or related EPO application is enclosed herewith.

[X] A copy of the International Search Report from a corresponding or related PCT application is enclosed herewith.

# Identification of Prior Application(s) In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited And For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3639. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

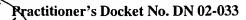
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In the interest of full disclosure, the following items are herewith identified in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 for consideration by Examiner. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

German Patent Publication DE 198 08 462 published on September 23, 1999 in German. For relevancy, the document is cited as an "A" reference in the International Search Report for patent family member WO2004/053427 and an English abstract is attached.

#### OTHER DOCUMENTS

International Search Report dated November 5, 2004 of International Patent Publication WO2004/053427 published June 24, 2004 in English which is a patent family member of the present application.

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The requirements specified by MPEP 609A(3) and C.F.R. § 1.98 are considered to have been satisfied.

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